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SUBJ: PAKISTAN NOT TO HOLD ASIAN GAMES

REF: ISLAMABAD 4746

1. GOP LAW MINISTER MERAJ KHALID, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION, TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN LAHORE MAY 31 THAT PAKISTAN HAD INFORMED ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION COUNTRY WAS NOT ABLE TO HOST 1978 ASIAN GAMES. HE CITED ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN PAKISTAN AS REASON GOP WITHDREW ORIGINAL OFFER.

2. KHALID NOTED THAT FIRST GOP ESTIMATE OF COST OF STAGING GAMES WAS ABOUT DOLS 95 MILLION, INCLUDING DOLS 50 MILLION FOR BUILDING SPORTS COMPLEX (OF WHICH CHINESE HAD OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE DOLS 25 MILLION), HAD INCREASED DRAMATICALLY BECAUSE OF "WORLDWIDE INFLATION." HOWEVER, HE ASSERTED THAT GOP NONETHELESS WISHED TO CONSTRUCT SOME FACILITIES AND SAID THAT CHINA HAD AGREED TO MOVE AHEAD ON CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF SPORTS COMPLEX AND THAT SOVIET UNION HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE PLANS TO BUILD 200-BED

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